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**HURT, HARRY** INTERVIEW LEGEND & STORY FORM  
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Field worker's name Louise S. Barnes

This report made on (date) September 21, 193 7

1. This legend was secured from (name) Harry Hurt

Address Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

This person is (male or female) White, Negro, Indian,

If Indian, give tribe \_\_\_\_\_

2. Origin and history of legend or story Story of part of Harry Hurt's Life and Experiences.

3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached \_\_\_\_\_

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An Interview with Mr. Harry Hurt, Kingfisher, Okla.  
By - Louise S. Barnes, Field Worker.  
September 21, 1937.

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Mr. Harry Hurt was born in Kansas on July 29, 1889, coming to Oklahoma on the day of the Opening of Old Oklahoma. His father took him out on the line and left him and they got separated. He had nothing to eat and he went to the Hotel manager and borrowed fifty cents for a few hours. He bought a half dozen lemons and made lemonade in a syrup bucket and sold lemonade to the ones who were waiting in front of the land office to file, making the fifty cents worth of lemon and sugar bring him a total \$4.50, and that is the way he got his start.

He worked on the first telephone line to be built in Old Oklahoma. He also was a cowboy and herded cattle in the Cherokee Strip before it was settled. He worked with a group of about twenty cowboys. They had a cook along and from day to day their camping grounds would change, as they never stayed in the same place at night.

When the cowhands would come in at night they would

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eat their suppers, which usually consisted of sour dough bread, tomatoes, corn and beans. But it was good food because they had a good cook. His name was Bill Stephens. They had blankets to sleep on, and after a round of conversation about the day's work, or a song, they rolled up in these blankets and went to sleep.

Mr. Hurt's father was one of the first homesteaders in Oklahoma, and Harry Hurt still lives on the old homestead.

Mr. Harry Hurt himself homesteaded in the Cheyenne country, north of the Cimarron River and east of Loyal. He knew this country and secured for a homestead one of the best farms in that opening.

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